

REMARKS

Claims 5, 6, 8, 9, 11-15, 56, 57, 59, 60 and 63-66 are pending. Claims 8, 14, 15, 59, 65 and 66 are independent. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

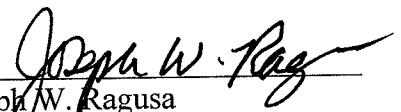
Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 8, 14, 15, 59, 65 and 66 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form. Those claims have been so rewritten and are therefore believed in condition for allowance. Certain ones of the withdrawn dependent claims, which now directly depend on an allowed generic base claim, are requested to be brought back into the case at this time in view of the allowance of generic subject matter. In particular previously withdrawn dependent claims 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 56, 57, 60 and 63 each now depend from an allowed base claim and are believed allowable themselves for at least that reason. The other claims are dependent on one or another of the independent claims mentioned above.

The rejected independent claims, and certain ones of the withdrawn claims, have been cancelled without prejudice and may be presented in one or more divisional applications.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned if there are any minor informalities that would delay allowance of this case.

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